



# Senate

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Amendment Schedule "A" and  
House Amendment Schedule "A"

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**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT  
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND  
CONCERNING MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS A  
SPONSOR OF AN INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education  
2      having reviewed applications for state grants for public school  
3      building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general  
4      statutes, as amended, on the basis of priorities for such projects and  
5      standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
6      Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects  
7      ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously  
8      authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost,  
9      as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of  
10     estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having  
11     submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2003,  
12     to a committee of the General Assembly established under section  
13     10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such

14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf  
 15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the  
 16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as  
 17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2004, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	VT SCHOOLS		
T6	H.C. Wilcox V-T School		
T7	0011 VT/EA	\$ 47,563,000	\$ 47,563,000
T8			
T9	VT SCHOOLS		
T10	Emmett O'Brien V-T School		
T11	0012 VT/EA	41,025,000	41,025,000
T12			
T13	VT SCHOOLS		
T14	Platt V-T School		
T15	0013 VT/EA	45,364,000	45,364,000
T16			
T17	VT SCHOOLS		
T18	Ella Grasso V-T School		
T19	0014 VT/EA	48,170,000	48,170,000
T20			
T21	NORTH BRANFORD		
T22	North Branford Middle/High Sch.		
T23	0049 EA	34,444,842	19,681,783
T24			
T25	NORWALK		
T26	Kendall Elementary School		
T27	0229 EA	6,769,000	2,321,090
T28			

T29	STAFFORD		
T30	Stafford High School		
T31	0049 EA	22,100,000	16,022,500
T32			
T33	STAFFORD		
T34	New Stafford Elementary School		
T35	0050 N	20,000,000	14,500,000
T36			
T37	WATERBURY		
T38	John F. Kennedy High School		
T39	0244 EA	4,100,000	3,177,500
T40			
T41	WATERBURY		
T42	Crosby High School		
T43	0245 E	6,925,000	5,366,875
T44			
T45	WATERBURY		
T46	Wilby High School		
T47	0246 E	6,750,000	5,231,250
T48			
T49	WEST HARTFORD		
T50	New Middle School		
T51	0201 PF/EA	24,000,000	9,343,200
T52			
T53	BRISTOL		
T54	Ivy Drive School		
T55	0074 EA	8,500,000	5,889,650
T56			
T57	BRISTOL		
T58	Mountain View School		
T59	0075 EA/RR	8,500,000	5,889,650
T60			
T61	NORWALK		
T62	Roton Middle School		

T63	0228 E	840,000	288,036
T64			
T65	STAMFORD		
T66	Westhill High School		
T67	0253 A/TCH	205,275	57,190
T68			
T69	WOLCOTT		
T70	Wolcott High School		
T71	0072 A	200,000	126,420
T72			
T73	EAST HADDAM		
T74	Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School		
T75	0036 EC	75,000	36,968
T76			
T77	MILFORD		
T78	J.F. Kennedy School		
T79	0165 EC	538,000	238,280
T80			
T81	NORWALK		
T82	Tracey School		
T83	0230 EC	525,000	180,023
T84			
T85	NORWALK		
T86	Norwalk High School		
T87	0231 EC	1,200,000	411,480
T88			
T89	WEST HARTFORD		
T90	Braeburn School		
T91	0198 EC	253,450	98,668
T92			
T93	WESTPORT		
T94	Coleytown Elementary School		
T95	0094 EC	790,000	166,453
T96	SOUTHINGTON		

T97	Vocational Agriculture Center at		
T98	Southington High School		
T99	0120 VA/N	9,906,890	9,411,546

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects Which Have Changed  
 20 Substantially in Scope or Cost.

T100	School District	Authorized	Requested
T101	School		
T102	Project Number		
T103			
T104	BROOKFIELD		
T105	Brookfield High School		
T106	018-0044 EA/RR		
T107			
T108	Estimated...		
T109	Total Project Costs	\$ 24,151,304	\$ 31,000,000
T110	Total Grant	7,762,229	9,963,400
T111			
T112	CROMWELL		
T113	New 3-5 Elementary School		
T114	033-0044 N		
T115			
T116	Estimated...		
T117	Total Project Costs	24,826,000	28,214,000
T118	Total Grant	13,564,926	15,416,130
T119			
T120	EAST HARTFORD		
T121	Greater Hartford International		
T122	Academy		
T123	043-0223 MAG/N		
T124			
T125	Estimated...		
T126	Total Project Costs	14,193,357	14,609,406
T127	Total Grant	14,194,973	14,609,406
T128			

T129	GLASTONBURY		
T130	New Elementary School		
T131	054-0092 N		
T132			
T133	Estimated...		
T134	Total Project Costs	22,700,000	29,750,000
T135	Total Grant	7,620,390	9,987,075
T136			
T137	GROTON		
T138	New Eastern Point Elementary		
T139	059-0168 N		
T140			
T141	Estimated...		
T142	Total Project Costs	21,664,000	25,800,000
T143	Total Grant	14,235,414	16,953,180
T144			
T145	HAMDEN		
T146	Wintergreen Magnet		
T147	062-0077 MAG		
T148			
T149	Estimated...		
T150	Total Project Costs	14,995,432	15,510,432
T151	Total Grant	14,995,432	15,510,432
T152			
T153	LITCHFIELD		
T154	Litchfield Middle/High School		
T155	074-0034 EA		
T156			
T157	Estimated...		
T158	Total Project Costs	749,000	21,900,000
T159	Total Grant	310,311	9,073,170
T160			
T161	LITCHFIELD		
T162	Litchfield Intermediate		
T163	074-0035 EA/RR		
T164			
T165	Estimated...		
T166	Total Project Costs	34,976,000	11,100,000
T167	Total Grant	14,490,557	4,598,730
T168			
T169	MILFORD		
T170	Orchard Hills School		

T171	084-161 E		
T172			
T173	Estimated...		
T174	Total Project Costs	2,400,000	3,364,000
T175	Total Grant	1,088,640	1,525,910
T176			
T177	NEW BRITAIN		
T178	Vance Elementary		
T179	089-0154 RNV/E		
T180			
T181	Estimated...		
T182	Total Project Costs	15,500,000	15,500,000
T183	Total Grant	12,289,950	12,289,950
T184			
T185	NEW HARTFORD		
T186	Bakerville Consolidated School		
T187	092-0024 EA/RE		
T188			
T189	Estimated...		
T190	Total Project Costs	1,298,667	1,560,000
T191	Total Grant	667,904	802,308
T192			
T193	NEW HAVEN		
T194	New Prince Welch School		
T195	093-0306 N		
T196			
T197	Estimated...		
T198	Total Project Costs	35,000,000	38,373,031
T199	Total Grant	27,499,500	30,149,690
T200			
T201	NEW HAVEN		
T202	Arts Magnet Middle School		
T203	093-0307 MAG/N		
T204			
T205	Estimated...		
T206	Total Project Costs	27,700,000	28,700,000
T207	Total Grant	27,700,000	28,700,000
T208			
T209	NEW HAVEN		
T210	Wexler School		
T211	093-0314 RNV/E		
T212			

T213	Estimated...		
T214	Total Project Costs	21,000,000	25,400,000
T215	Total Grant	16,499,700	19,956,780
T216			
T217	NEW HAVEN		
T218	Barnard School		
T219	093-0339 EA		
T220			
T221	Estimated...		
T222	Total Project Costs	27,165,482	34,000,000
T223	Total Grant	21,634,590	27,077,600
T224			
T225	NEW HAVEN		
T226	Clinton Avenue School		
T227	093-0344 EA		
T228			
T229	Estimated...		
T230	Total Project Costs	25,106,252	30,744,372
T231	Total Grant	19,994,619	24,484,818
T232			
T233	NEW HAVEN		
T234	Beecher School		
T235	093-0345 EA		
T236			
T237	Estimated...		
T238	Total Project Costs	23,689,987	30,216,606
T239	Total Grant	18,866,706	24,064,050
T240			
T241	NEW HAVEN		
T242	Sheridan Magnet School		
T243	093-0349 MAG/A		
T244			
T245	Estimated...		
T246	Total Project Costs	23,793,602	23,793,602
T247	Total Grant	18,949,225	23,793,602
T248			
T249	NORWALK		
T250	Brien McMahon High School		
T251	103-0213 RNV/E		
T252			
T253	Estimated...		
T254	Total Project Costs	48,089,300	62,127,862



T255	Total Grant	16,489,821	21,303,644
T256			
T257	WATERTOWN		
T258	Swift Middle School		
T259	153-0048 EA		
T260			
T261	Estimated...		
T262	Total Project Costs	18,000,000	26,576,685
T263	Total Grant	10,542,600	15,565,964
T264			
T265	WESTON		
T266	New Intermediate School		
T267	157-0042 N		
T268			
T269	Estimated...		
T270	Total Project Costs	23,397,232	28,070,000
T271	Total Grant	5,014,027	6,015,401
T272			
T273	REGIONAL DISTRICT 10		
T274	Lewis Mills/Har-Bur Complex		
T275	210-0036 EA		
T276			
T277	Estimated...		
T278	Total Project Costs	21,089,000	45,911,500
T279	Total Grant	11,674,870	25,416,606
T280			
T281	CES		
T282	CES/Special Education Center		
T283	243-0027 SP/E		
T284			
T285	Estimated...		
T286	Total Project Costs	3,394,600	4,171,600
T287	Total Grant	3,394,600	4,171,600
T288			
T289	LEARN		
T290	Multicultural Magnet School		
T291	245-0084 MAG/E		
T292			
T293	Estimated...		
T294	Total Project Costs	25,369,046	26,114,430
T295	Total Grant	25,369,046	26,114,430
T296			

T297	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T298	Abbott VT		
T299	900-0002 VT/EA		
T300			
T301	Estimated...		
T302	Total Project Costs	43,584,266	44,254,266
T303	Total Grant	43,584,266	44,254,266
T304			
T305	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T306	Prince VT		
T307	900-0004 VT/EA		
T308			
T309	Estimated...		
T310	Total Project Costs	56,335,695	57,255,695
T311	Total Grant	56,335,695	57,255,695
T312			
T313	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T314	Goodwin VT		
T315	900-0005 VT/EA		
T316			
T317	Estimated...		
T318	Total Project Costs	53,798,000	54,548,000
T319	Total Grant	53,798,000	54,548,000
T320			
T321	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T322	Kaynor VT		
T323	900-0006 VT/EA		
T324			
T325	Estimated...		
T326	Total Project Costs	53,325,000	54,522,000
T327	Total Grant	53,325,000	54,522,000
T328			
T329	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T330	Whitney VT		
T331	900-0007 VT/EA		
T332			
T333	Estimated...		
T334	Total Project Costs	54,400,000	59,156,000
T335	Total Grant	54,400,000	59,156,000
T336			
T337	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T338	Ellis VT		

T339	900-0009 VT/EA		
T340			
T341	Estimated...		
T342	Total Project Costs	39,350,000	39,750,000
T343	Total Grant	39,350,000	39,750,000
T344			
T345	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T346	Wright VT		
T347	900-0010 VT/EA		
T348			
T349	Estimated...		
T350	Total Project Costs	30,794,000	31,194,000
T351	Total Grant	30,794,100	31,194,000
T352			
T353	EAST HARTFORD		
T354	East Hartford/Glastonbury Magnet		
T355	043-0228 MAG/N		
T356			
T357	Estimated...		
T358	Total Project Costs	22,000,000	24,039,994
T359	Total Grant	22,000,000	24,039,994
T360			
T361	NEW HAVEN		
T362	Cooperative Arts and Humanities		
T363	Magnet		
T364	093-0341 MAG/N		
T365			
T366	Estimated...		
T367	Total Project Costs	41,700,000	52,000,000
T368	Total Grant	41,700,000	52,000,000
T369			
T370	HARTFORD		
T371	Webster School		
T372	064-0270 EA		
T373			
T374	Estimated...		
T375	Total Project Costs	31,730,000	31,730,000
T376	Total Grant	25,269,772	30,143,500
T377			
T378	VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL		
T379	Norwich VT		
T380	900-0008 VT/EA		

T381			
T382	Estimated...		
T383	Total Project Costs	47,800,000	58,149,000
T384	Total Grant	47,800,000	58,149,000
T385			
T386	LEARN		
T387	Mago Point Marine		
T388	Science/Aquaculture Magnet		
T389	245-0087 MAG/N		
T390			
T391	Estimated...		
T392	Total Project Costs	24,928,074	27,000,000
T393	Total Grant	24,928,074	27,000,000
T394			
T395	STAMFORD		
T396	Academy of Information Technology		
T397	Science/Aquaculture Magnet		
T398	135-0248 MAG/N		
T399			
T400	Estimated...		
T401	Total Project Costs	31,799,106	41,799,106
T402	Total Grant	31,799,106	41,799,106

21 (3) Previously Authorized Projects Which a Town or Regional  
 22 District Has Abandoned, Sold, Leased, Demolished or Otherwise  
 23 Redirected the Use of Such School Building Project for a Public Use  
 24 Other Than a Public School For Which the Town or District Requests  
 25 Forgiveness From Refunding Money to the State.

T403	School District	NORWICH
T404	School	Buckingham Elementary
T405	Project Number	104-0071 A/TCH
T406	Estimated Total Grant	550,071
T407	Grant Payments	223,062
T408	Refund Due to Date	223,062
T409	Refund Due for Balance of Grant	To be calculated based on final
T410		data

26 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of

27 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
28 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
29 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
30 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Norwich  
31 may let out for bid on and commence projects for  
32 Alterations/Technology (Project Numbers 104-0070 and 104-0073) at  
33 Bishop Elementary School and Huntington Elementary School and  
34 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for grant commitments  
35 from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved  
36 by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

37 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
38 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
39 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
40 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
41 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the Regional School  
42 District No. 10 may let out for bid on and commence a project for  
43 partial roof replacement (Project Number 210-0034 RR) at Lewis S.  
44 Mills High School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered  
45 for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and  
46 specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's  
47 school facilities unit.

48 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
49 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
50 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
51 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
52 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Stamford  
53 may let out for bid on and commence a project for alterations (Project  
54 Number 135-0223 A) at Stamford High School and shall be eligible to  
55 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,  
56 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the  
57 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

58 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
59 section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation

60 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that the description  
61 of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of  
62 application for a school building project grant, the town of Stamford  
63 may expand the scope of the alteration project at Stamford High  
64 School (Project Number 135-0223 A) to include relocatable classrooms.

65     Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
66 sections 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, and 10-284 of the  
67 general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of  
68 Education requiring that local legislative authorizations be obtained  
69 not later than one year after the authorization by the General  
70 Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the town begin  
71 constructing not later than two years after the effective date of the  
72 section of the act of the General Assembly authorizing the  
73 Commissioner of Education to enter into grant commitments for such  
74 projects, the town of Glastonbury shall have until June 30, 2005, to  
75 authorize and until June 30, 2006, to begin construction on the project  
76 for a new elementary school (Project Number 054-0092 N) and shall be  
77 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from  
78 the state.

79     Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
80 sections 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, and 10-284 of the  
81 general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of  
82 Education requiring that local legislative authorizations be obtained  
83 not later than one year after the authorization by the General  
84 Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the town begin  
85 constructing not later than two years after the effective date of the  
86 section of the act of the General Assembly authorizing the  
87 Commissioner of Education to enter into grant commitments for such  
88 projects, the town of Groton shall have until June 30, 2005, to authorize  
89 and until June 30, 2006, to begin construction on the project for a new  
90 Eastern Point Elementary School (Project Number 059-0168 N) and  
91 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment  
92 from the state.

93       Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
94       section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
95       adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding  
96       authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to  
97       application and that no school building project shall be added to the  
98       list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for extension  
99       and alteration (Project Number 124-0052 EA) at Seymour High School  
100      in Seymour is included in said subdivision (1) of this act and shall be  
101      eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment from  
102      the state, provided the school district files an application for a school  
103      building project prior to June 30, 2004, meets all other provisions of  
104      chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the  
105      State Board of Education.

106      Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
107      section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
108      adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding  
109      authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to  
110      application and that no school building project shall be added to the  
111      list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for a new  
112      vocational agriculture center (Project Number 131-0120 VA/N) at  
113      Southington High School in Southington is included in said  
114      subdivision (1) of this act and shall be eligible to be subsequently  
115      considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the school  
116      district files an application for a school building project prior to June  
117      30, 2004, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general  
118      statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

119      Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
120      section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
121      adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
122      out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
123      Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Fairfield  
124      may let out for bid on and commence a project for Phase 1 of  
125      construction (Project Number 051-0105 N) at New Middle School and  
126      shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment

127 from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved  
128 by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

129       Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
130 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
131 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
132 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
133 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old  
134 Saybrook may let out for bid on and commence a project for expansion  
135 and alteration (Project Number 106-0034 EA) at Kathleen E. Goodwin  
136 School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant  
137 commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have  
138 been approved by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

139       Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
140 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
141 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
142 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
143 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Tolland  
144 may let out for bid on and commence a project for installation of a  
145 sewer line (Project Number 142-0073) at Parker Memorial School and  
146 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment  
147 from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved  
148 by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.

149       Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
150 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
151 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
152 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
153 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Tolland  
154 may let out for bid on and commence a project for installation of a  
155 sewer line (Project Number 142-0074) at Tolland Middle School and  
156 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment  
157 from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved  
158 by the Department of Education's school facilities unit.



159       Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
160 section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
161 adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding  
162 authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to  
163 application and that no school building project shall be added to the  
164 list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for alteration  
165 (Project Number 097-0110 A) at Newtown High School in Newtown is  
166 included in said subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be  
167 subsequently considered for a grant commitment from the state,  
168 provided the school district files an application for a school building  
169 project prior to June 30, 2004, meets all other provisions of chapter 173  
170 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of  
171 Education.

172       Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
173 section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
174 adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding  
175 authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to  
176 application and that no school building project shall be added to the  
177 list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for vocational  
178 agriculture equipment (Project Number 219-0016 VE) at E. O. Smith  
179 High School in Regional School District 19 is included in said  
180 subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for  
181 a grant commitment from the state, provided the school district files an  
182 application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, meets  
183 all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any  
184 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

185       Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
186 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
187 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
188 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
189 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the Regional School  
190 District No. 4 may let out for bid and commence a project for  
191 renovation and extension (Project Number 204-0013 RNV/E) at John  
192 Winthrop Junior High School and shall be eligible to subsequently be

193 considered for grant commitments from the state, provided plans and  
194 specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's  
195 school facilities unit.

196     Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
197 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
198 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
199 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
200 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the Regional School  
201 District No. 4 may let out for bid and commence a project for  
202 renovation and alteration (Project Number 204-0014 EA) at Valley  
203 Regional High School and shall be eligible to subsequently be  
204 considered for grant commitments from the state, provided plans and  
205 specifications have been approved by the Department of Education's  
206 school facilities unit.

207     Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
208 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the  
209 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans  
210 and specifications have been approved by the Department of  
211 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Weston may let out for  
212 bid on and commence projects for well drilling (Project Numbers 157-  
213 0041 EA/RR, 157-0042 N, 157-0043 EA/RR and 157-0044 EA/RR) at  
214 Weston Middle School, New 3-5 Elementary School, Weston High  
215 School and Hurlbutt Elementary School and shall be eligible to  
216 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,  
217 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the  
218 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

219     Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
220 section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
221 adopted by the State Board of Education setting square footage  
222 specifications for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school  
223 building project grant, such square footage specifications shall not  
224 apply to the extension and alteration project (Project Number 023-0028  
225 EA) at Canton Jr. Sr. High School in Canton.

226 Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
227 subsection (a) of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any  
228 regulation adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of said section 10-264h,  
229 concerning the reimbursement rate for the capital expenditure for the  
230 construction of interdistrict magnet school facilities, the Board of  
231 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of  
232 Manchester Community College shall be eligible for reimbursement of  
233 the full reasonable cost of the project for new construction at Great  
234 Path Academy on the campus of Manchester Community College at a  
235 cost not to exceed twenty-eight million dollars.

236 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general  
237 statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said  
238 section 10-283, requiring that no school building project shall be added  
239 to the list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for new  
240 construction at Great Path Academy on the campus of Manchester  
241 Community College is included in said subdivision (1) of this act and  
242 shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment  
243 from the state, provided the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
244 Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College files  
245 an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, and  
246 meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any  
247 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

248 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 10-264i of the general statutes is  
249 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
250 *passage*):

251 (a) A local or regional board of education, regional educational  
252 service center, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
253 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College, or cooperative  
254 arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a which transports a child to an  
255 interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, as  
256 amended by this act, in a town other than the town in which the child  
257 resides shall be eligible pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant  
258 for the cost of transporting such child in accordance with this section.

259 The amount of such grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the  
260 number of such children transported multiplied by one thousand two  
261 hundred dollars. The Department of Education shall provide such  
262 grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall  
263 be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional  
264 educational service center or cooperative arrangement from receiving  
265 reimbursement under section 10-266m, as amended, for reasonable  
266 transportation expenses for which such board, service center or  
267 cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

268 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
269 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
270 *passage*):

271 (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
272 appropriations, establish a grant program to assist local and regional  
273 boards of education, regional educational service centers, the Board of  
274 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of  
275 Manchester Community College, and cooperative arrangements  
276 pursuant to section 10-158a with the operation of interdistrict magnet  
277 school programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in  
278 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public  
279 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school  
280 program" means a program which (1) supports racial, ethnic and  
281 economic diversity, (2) offers a special and high quality curriculum,  
282 and (3) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time.  
283 An interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional  
284 vocational agriculture school, a regional vocational-technical school or  
285 a regional special education center. On and after July 1, 2000, the  
286 governing authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that  
287 is in operation prior to July 1, 2005, shall restrict the number of  
288 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to  
289 eighty per cent of the total enrollment of the program. The governing  
290 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program that begins  
291 operations on or after July 1, 2005, shall (A) restrict the number of  
292 students that may enroll in the program from a participating district to

293 seventy-five per cent of the total enrollment of the program, and (B)  
294 maintain such a school enrollment that at least twenty-five per cent but  
295 not more than seventy-five per cent of the students enrolled are pupils  
296 of racial minorities, as defined in section 10-226a, as amended.

297 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the  
298 general statutes, as amended by section 27 of public act 03-77, is  
299 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
300 *passage*):

301 (a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply  
302 for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this  
303 chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project  
304 may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of  
305 such town to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or  
306 reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to  
307 authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply  
308 to the Commissioner of Education for and to accept or reject such grant  
309 for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be  
310 made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school  
311 district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the  
312 Commissioner of Education. The application form shall require the  
313 superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered  
314 the maximization of natural light in projects for new construction and  
315 alteration or renovation of a school building. Grant applications for  
316 school building projects shall be reviewed by the Commissioner of  
317 Education on the basis of categories for building projects and  
318 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
319 Education in accordance with this section, provided grant applications  
320 submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-  
321 76e shall be reviewed annually by the commissioner on the basis of the  
322 educational needs of the applicant. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
323 this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
324 Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College may apply for  
325 and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects  
326 pursuant to section 10-264h.

327       Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
328       section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
329       adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let  
330       out until plans and specifications have been approved by the  
331       Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old  
332       Saybrook may let out for bid on and commence a project for  
333       relocatable classrooms at the Kathleen E. Goodwin School and shall be  
334       eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from  
335       the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the  
336       Department of Education's school facilities unit.

337       Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
338       section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
339       adopted by the State Board of Education setting square footage  
340       specifications for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school  
341       building project grant, such square footage specifications shall not  
342       apply to the extension and alteration project (Project Number 135-  
343       0204-P/EA) Scofieldtown Middle Magnet School in Stamford.

344       Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
345       section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation  
346       adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that the funding  
347       authorization for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to  
348       application and that no school building project shall be added to the  
349       list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the project for a new  
350       interdistrict magnet University High School for Science and  
351       Engineering (Project Number 064-0287 MAG/N) at the University of  
352       Hartford is included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall  
353       be eligible to be subsequently considered for a grant commitment from  
354       the state, provided the city of Hartford files an application for a school  
355       building project prior to June 30, 2004, meets all other provisions of  
356       chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the  
357       State Board of Education.

358       Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of  
359       chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the

360 State Board of Education in accordance with said chapter 173, the  
 361 costs, up to one million seven hundred thousand dollars, associated  
 362 with remediation of soil at Veterans' Field in New London for the  
 363 purpose of locating temporary classrooms on such field as part of the  
 364 construction project for the New Jennings Elementary School (Project  
 365 Number 095-0079 N) shall be included as reimbursable costs of such  
 366 project, provided the town of New London transfers control of such  
 367 field to the local board of education.

368 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
 369 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general  
 370 statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of  
 371 Education concerning projected enrollment for a school building  
 372 project, the town of New Haven may increase the projected enrollment  
 373 of the alteration project (Project Number 093-0319 A/RR) at Fair  
 374 Haven Middle School to 930, the New Fair Haven K-8 School (Project  
 375 Number 093-0317 N) to 690, and the New Jackie Robinson  
 376 Replacement School (Project Number 093-0329 N) to 700.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>
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Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>



The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$
Education, Dept.	GO Bonds - Cost	\$570 million+

Note: GO Bonds=General Obligation

#### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 05 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	\$345 million+

### **Explanation**

This bill will result in a cost to the state for school construction grants of \$570 million for new projects, changes of scope and statutory exemptions to eligible costs. The actual payment of grants is dependent upon the timing of the local and regional school districts with regard to construction.

The bill also relieves Norwich from returning to the state \$223,062 in state school construction funding for a project that was redirected from school use.

Additionally the bill allows a number of school construction projects to be eligible for future state grant commitments despite not receiving prior approval of the State Department of Education of plans before going out to bid; extends the deadline to obtain local approval and start construction on two projects; and finally allows a Stamford project to expand the scope of an alteration project to include relocatable classrooms. These changes have no impact in and of themselves as the projects still need to receive approval of actual grant commitments.

Senate "A" added a project concerning a magnet school at Manchester Community College and a change of scope to the Mago Point Marine Science Magnet.

House "A" added projects and exemptions for Stamford, Hartford, New London and New Haven.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

sSB 530 (as amended by House "A" and Senate "A")\*

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS, CONCERNING URBAN ACTION FUNDS FOR LIBRARIES, SOIL REMEDIATION OF A PLAYING FIELD AND CONNECTION OF A WATER LINE TO A SCHOOL, AND CONCERNING SCHOOL NURSES**

**SUMMARY:**

This bill:

1. authorizes and reauthorizes state grant commitments for 62 school building projects;
2. makes the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges (CTC) eligible for a state school construction grant of 100%, instead of the usual 95%, of the eligible cost for building an interdistrict magnet school on the Manchester Community College (MCC) campus, if the total cost does not exceed \$28 million;
3. makes the CTC board eligible to receive state interdistrict magnet school transportation and operating grants on MCC's behalf;
4. forgives required repayment of a school construction grant to Norwich; and
5. waives various statutory and regulatory requirements to add projects to the 2004 authorization list and make projects or project costs in several districts eligible for state school construction grants.

\*Senate Amendment "A" eliminates (1) Urban Act funding earmarks for (a) library renovations in specific municipalities, (b) cleaning up a contaminated playing field, and (c) connecting a school to an offsite water line; (2) requirements that nurses and nurse practitioners providing health services to students in a public or private school submit to criminal background checks even if they are not directly

employed by the local school board or private school; and (3) a statutory waiver for a West Hartford school construction project. The amendment (1) adds the provisions concerning the MCC magnet school; (2) authorizes a change in project scope and an increased grant for the Mago Point Marine Science/Aquaculture Magnet School; and (3) waives various statutory and regulatory requirements for school building projects in Weston, Canton, Old Saybrook, and Stamford.

\*House Amendment "A" (1) authorizes a change in project scope and an increased grant for the new Academy of Information Technology Science and Aquaculture Magnet School in Stamford; (2) eliminates a waiver for an alteration project at Stamford High School; and (3) adds statutory and regulatory waivers for projects in Stamford, Hartford, New London, and New Haven.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (§ 1(1))**

The bill authorizes \$280.5 million in state grant commitments for 23 school construction projects of various types as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: New Projects Authorized**

<b><i>Number of Projects</i></b>	<b><i>Project Type</i></b>	<b><i>Estimated Total Cost</i></b>	<b><i>Estimated Total State Grants</i></b>
1	New school	\$20,000,000	\$14,500,000
6	Combined extensions and alterations	84,413,842	52,982,173
3	Extensions	14,515,000	10,886,161
1	Alteration	200,000	126,420
6	Energy conservation	3,381,450	1,131,871
1	Facility purchase	24,000,000	9,343,200
4	Regional vocational-technical schools	182,122,000	182,122,000
1	Vocational agriculture center	9,906,890	9,411,546

### **PROJECT REAUTHORIZATIONS (§ 1(2))**

The bill reauthorizes 39 previously authorized projects that have changed substantially (more than 10%) in scope or cost as shown in Table 2. The reauthorizations increase estimated state grant commitments for the projects by \$127.4 million.

**Table 2: Reauthorized Projects**

<b><i>Number of Projects</i></b>	<b><i>Costs Previously Authorized</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Costs</i></b>	<b><i>Increase</i></b>	<b><i>Estimated Grant Impact</i></b>
39	\$1,082,139,861	\$1,247,103,033	\$164,963,172	\$127,439,978

## **MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL**

### ***Statutory Waivers (§ 503)***

The bill makes an exception to the law setting a 95% state reimbursement limit for eligible interdistrict magnet school construction costs to allow the CTC board of trustees to receive the full cost, up to \$28 million, of constructing new facilities for Great Path Academy, an interdistrict magnet school on the MCC campus.

It also waives the June 30, 2003 application deadline to add Great Path Academy to the 2004 school construction priority list, as long as the CTC board files a project application with the State Department of Education (SDE) by June 30, 2004 and meets all other school construction project requirements.

### ***State Magnet School Grants (§§ 504-506)***

The bill makes the CTC board eligible, on MCC's behalf, for the same state grants as other interdistrict magnet school operators. The grants provide funding for magnet school operating costs, student transportation, and eligible school construction costs. The bill also requires all interdistrict magnet schools to operate according to the same laws and regulations that apply to other public schools.

### **GRANT REPAYMENT FORGIVENESS (§ 1(3))**

The bill relieves Norwich of the requirement that it repay school construction funds it received for a project at the Buckingham Elementary School because it has redirected the building to a nonpublic school use. The town's estimated grant for the project was \$550,071, of which it has so far received \$223,062.

### **PROJECTS ADDED TO 2004 LIST**

In addition to the MCC magnet school described above, the bill also waives the June 30, 2003 application deadline and adds the projects shown in Table 3 to the 2004 priority list. In each case, the waivers are contingent on the district's filing an application by June 30, 2004 and meeting all other school construction project requirements.

**Table 3: Projects Added to 2004 List**

<b>§</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>
8	Seymour	Seymour High	Extension and alteration
9	Southington	Vo-ag center	New
14	Newtown	Newtown High	Alteration
15	Region 19	E.O. Smith High	Vocational-agriculture equipment
509	Hartford	University High School for Science & Engineering	New interdistrict magnet

## STATUTE AND REGULATION WAIVERS

The bill waives school construction statutes and regulations to make certain projects or costs eligible for state reimbursement grants.

### *Order of Project Bid and Plan Approval*

For districts and projects shown in Table 4, the bill waives the requirement that districts obtain SDE approval of project plans and specifications before they offer the projects for competitive bid. The bill allows the districts to begin the projects and later be eligible for grants, if SDE approves their plans and specifications.

**Table 4: Bid-Plan Order Waivers**

<b>§</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>
2	Norwich	Bishop Elementary	Alterations/technology
2	Norwich	Huntington Elementary	Alterations/technology
3	Region 10	Lewis S. Mills High	Partial roof replacement
4	Stamford	Stamford High	Alterations
10	Fairfield	New middle school	Phase I construction
11	Old Saybrook	Kathleen E. Goodwin	Expansion and alteration
12	Tolland	Parker Memorial	Install sewer line
13	Tolland	Tolland Middle	Install sewer line
16	Region 4	Winthrop Jr. High	Renovation and extension
17	Region 4	Valley Regional High	Renovation and alteration
501	Weston	Weston Middle	Well drilling

501	Weston	New 3-5 elementary school	Well drilling
501	Weston	Weston High	Well drilling
501	Weston	Hurlbutt Elementary	Well drilling
507	Old Saybrook	Kathleen E. Goodwin	Relocatable classrooms

### ***Deadline Extensions – Glastonbury and Groton (§§ 7 & 8)***

For two previously authorized projects shown in Table 5, the bill waives requirements that districts (1) obtain local funding approval within one year of state authorization and (2) start construction within two years.

**Table 5: Local Approval and Construction Start Deadlines for Previously Authorized Projects**

§	District	Project	Current Deadlines		Proposed Deadlines	
			Local Funding Approval	Construction Start	Local Funding Approval	Construction Start
7	Glastonbury	New elementary school	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2006
8	Groton	New Eastern Point Elementary School	June 30, 2004	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2006

### ***Project Description - Stamford (§ 5)***

The bill waives a requirement that a school construction project description be filed with the application for a state grant to allow Stamford to expand the scope of a Stamford High School alteration project to include relocatable classrooms.

### ***Square Footage Limits – Canton and Stamford (§§ 502 & 508)***

The bill exempts extension and alteration projects for Canton Jr. High School in Canton and Schofieldtown Middle Magnet School in Stamford from limits on the amount of square footage eligible for state reimbursement.

### ***Eligible Costs – New London (§ 510)***

The bill requires New London to include in the reimbursable costs of the New Jennings Elementary School project, up to \$1.7 million in site remediation expenses needed to allow the school district to locate

temporary classrooms on Veterans' Field. The waiver is contingent on New London's transferring control of the field to its board of education.

***Revised Enrollment Projections – New Haven (§ 511)***

The bill waives a requirement that projected enrollment for a school project be filed with SDE along with notice of the project, to allow New Haven to increase projected enrollments for alteration projects at Fair Haven Middle School to 930, the New Fair Haven K-8 School to 690, and the New Jackie Robinson Replacement School to 700 students.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 26      Nay 0

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30      Nay 15